GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2280
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ARRESTS MADE BY DELHI POLICE
AMAR ROY PRADHAN

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that various Indian citizens from northern parts of West Bengal are being treated as Bangladeshis and are being arrested by Delhi Police as Bangladeshis;

(b) if so, the number of such Indian citizens arrested by Delhi Police during 2000, 2001 and 2002 (upto 30.11.2002);

(c) the number of MPs wrote in respect of harassment to Indian citizens on the plea of Bangladeshi during the said period; and

(d) the remedial steps taken by the Government to check harassment to Indian citizens?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH.VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Delhi Police have not arrested any Indian citizen while identifying illegal Bangladeshi immigrants.

(c): During the period from 1St January, 2000 to 15th November, 2002, Delhi Police received 21 letters from Members of Parliament in which it was complained that Indian Citizens were being harassed on the plea that they were Bangladeshis.None of these complaints, however, were substantiated during the course of inquiry.

(d): The procedure for identification of illegal Bangladeshi immigrants put in place by Delhi Police has an inherent mechanism which ensures that no Indian citizen is harassed.